



Nothing Compares to the natural beauty of the Sonoran Desert!

The lush grounds and picturesque surroundings of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum provide an iconic backdrop for your special event.

The remarkable setting, situated between the Tucson Mountains and Saguaro National Park, is enhanced by regionally inspired catering, charming animal visitors, and thoughtful care and attention from the event staff to create a truly memorable occasion for you and your guests.





DESERT GARDEN

The tranquility and natural elegance of the Desert Garden makes it a favorite space for daytime and evening receptions.

Beautiful brick work, shaded seating areas, an abundance of desert plants, and the quiet burble of two water features create a welcoming and intimate atmosphere, perfect for mingling.

Maximum capacity: 120 guests





Taylor Plaza

If it's desert views you're after, look no further than the sunlit hills and towering Ironwood Tree surrounding Taylor Plaza.

This beautiful stonework patio provides a scenic setting for celebration beneath the bright blue Arizona sky.

Maximum capacity: 100 guests seated for a dinner. (Overhead lighting required)





GREEN ROOM

The awe-inspiring view through the Green Room's floor-to-ceiling windows will delight your guests as they arrive for your event.

Rolling hills dotted with stately saguaros give way to the majestic Tucson Mountains for an exceptional panorama from this versatile event space. The retractable glass panels open onto a large covered verandah, perfect for cocktail hour or dancing.

Maximum capacity: 100 guests for a seated dinner with room for presentations/dancing (indoor only). 120 guests indoor full capacity.



OCOTILLO CAFÉ

Colorful original artwork, native plants, and regional mineral specimens exude Southwestern charm in the Museum's seasonal fine dining restaurant, the Ocotillo Café. The cozy dining room and enclosed private patio provide the perfect setting for more intimate dinners, lunch meetings, and small presentations.

Maximum capacity: 60 guests for a seated dinner (indoor only) to 90 guests (indoor & outdoor combined), seasonal availability.



Event Enhancements

Audio/Visual Setup

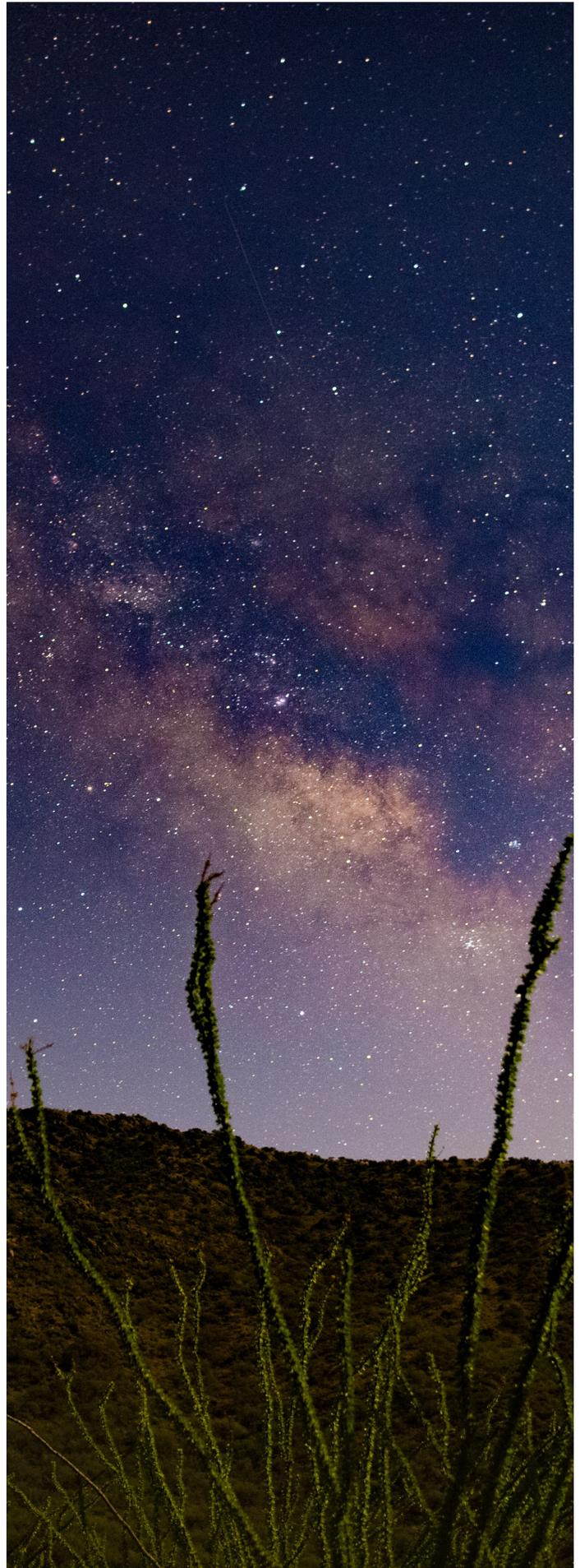
The Museum can provide a portable address system with microphone, basic music playback and presentation setup with screen, projector, and laptop. Includes staff setup and support. Packages starting at \$250.

Patio Heaters

Seven umbrella-style patio heaters are available for the comfort of your guests. Rental: \$50 per heater.

Barrel Cactus Centerpieces

Upgrade your reception with barrel cactus centerpieces! Presented in multi-colored glazed pots. Rental: \$15 per centerpiece, check for availability.



Catering Packages

Craft Culinary Concepts is the exclusive food and beverage provider of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, specializing in creating culinary experiences and menus reflective of the Sonoran Desert region and your unique event. A \$5,000 minimum applies for Saturday events, and \$2,000 for all other days of the week. Once facilities have been contracted, the Craft Culinary Concepts catering manager will be your primary contact for questions and arrangements.

Event Policies

Most event spaces are available for both daytime and evening events, some restrictions may apply. Evening events are typically held from 5pm - 9pm with pre-event access for vendors and setup one hour before the contracted start time. All spaces must be cleaned and vacated one hour after the contracted end time of the event.

Facility fees range from \$1,800 to \$2,700 depending on the event date and chosen space(s). Additional fees apply for admission, catering and event enhancements, and in some cases, extra labor costs.

The facility fee includes use of space during contracted setup and event time, setup of tables and chairs (specifics vary depending on the event space), standard linens and centerpieces, a dedicated parking area, a special event entrance (accessible by bus), personalized signage to direct your guests, and Museum event staff and security.

A signed contract and non-refundable deposit of \$750 are required to secure an event date and spaces. The remaining balance of facility fees is due 30 days in advance of the event.

All food and beverage, including bar packages, is arranged through separate contract with the Museum's exclusive, on-site caterer, Craft Culinary Concepts.

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Contact Information & Appointments

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